



12th February 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Stepping Hill – Proposed Permit Parking Zones

The Council is aware of residents' concerns about parking in the Stepping Hill area. There have been a number of public meetings over several years and the Council recognises the issue of non-residents parking in residential streets. We have worked with the hospital and local residents in an attempt to address this issue.

We recognise this is a sensitive matter, which people feel strongly about and thank residents and businesses for their patience. There is no easy solution that balances the needs of all, however, the Council has developed proposals that aim to make parking easier for residents, whilst recognising the need to allow some parking for non-residents in order that the hospital and local businesses can continue to be supported.

It is our understanding there is not sufficient parking on site for all staff and visitors who drive to the hospital. The hospital has taken measures to reduce the number of staff and visitors parking on surrounding streets and targeted enforcement is carried out by the Council where specific issues have been identified. However, whilst this has seen some improvement, we recognise it has not made a significant difference to the number of cars parked on residential streets surrounding the hospital.

Whilst further measures are being considered, such as additional car parking on site and improved public transport access, it is reasonable to assume that as long as parking demand at the hospital exceeds capacity and there is free and unrestricted on street parking, the local area would continue to see non-resident parking.

As such, we are seeking the views of local residents and businesses on proposals for a resident-paid permit-parking scheme.

We welcome comments and suggested improvements or amendments as part of this consultation. If it is not possible to amend the scheme proposals to a position that has sufficient support and is viable in consideration of local residents, businesses and other highway users, it is not anticipated that alternative schemes will continue to be developed. These proposals have been formed through ongoing discussions with various parties over several years.

The Proposal

The Council has developed proposals that aim to balance making parking easier for residents and recognising the need to allow some parking for non-residents to protect the hospital and local businesses.

It is proposed to introduce 'Dual Use' parking zones whereby residents would be able to park with permits and non-residents would be able to 'Pay & Display'.

The proposals are shown by the enclosed drawing **NM27/001**. The drawing can be viewed at full scale online at www.stockport.gov.uk/haveyoursay, at the Town Hall, or one of our drop-in events (details below).

A parking zone is proposed on the hospital side of the A6 Buxton Road, which would be 'dual use' for resident permit parking and 'Pay & Display' (Zone 1). It would be operational between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Saturday.

A parking zone is proposed on the opposite side of the A6 Buxton Road to the hospital, which would be dual use for resident permit parking and 'Pay & Display' with the 'Pay & Display' having a maximum stay of four hours (Zone 2). It would be operational between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Saturday.

A list of frontages within each of the proposed zones is provided online at www.stockport.gov.uk/haveyoursay.

The zones are proposed in such a way to minimise the likelihood of displacement parking whereby the issue may be moved elsewhere. Zones are proposed instead of street-by-street permits as this would provide more flexibility and opportunity for residents to park close to their property. Zonal schemes are a more efficient use of space as the overall space for residents parking is maximised.

Some properties on the perimeter of the proposed zones would be included in the scheme, including the A6 Buxton Road, as shown by the drawing. All properties in the shaded areas and listed at www.stockport.gov.uk/haveyoursay are proposed to be included in the scheme.

The proposed zones provide an allowance of non-resident parking to protect the viability of local businesses and amenities, including the hospital, doctors and school.

It is proposed that the scheme would be operational between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Saturday to give maximum opportunity for resident/visitor parking during quieter periods. During the hours of operation, residents would need to display a permit to park in their zone and all non-residents would need to pay to park. The 'Pay & Display' facilities are proposed to be provided largely on a 'pay by phone' basis, with ticket machines provided on the A6 only.

Should the proposed scheme be progressed, households may be eligible to apply for up to two resident permits (for nominated vehicles registered to the address). Resident parking permits in the Borough are currently priced at £31 each per year, subject to review.

Blue badge holders would be able to park all day for free within the zones, unless specific regulations are developed when taking the scheme forward. We will seek to provide spaces for blue badge holders at appropriate locations and this will be considered further at the design stage if the scheme is progressed.

The proposals are such that a small number of existing free permit parking schemes within the proposed zones would become chargeable. Free schemes are not always enforceable and are being phased out by the Council.

Consultation

We are seeking the views of local residents and businesses on the proposals to inform

the decision on whether to take a permit scheme forward, and the detailed development of such a scheme.

In particular we want to know your thoughts on the principles of a resident-paid permit scheme, and any comments you may have relating to the specific details of the proposals in their current form.

Please consider the drawing and information above and share your views by:

- returning the enclosed form in the envelope provided; or
- completing the survey online at www.stockport.gov.uk/haveyoursay.

We also invite you to join us at one of our drop-in events where you will have the opportunity to discuss the proposals with the Stockport Council team. The events are taking place:

- Tues 25th Feb – St Saviour's Parish Church, Gladstone Street, Great Moor, SK2 7QF, 2-4pm
- Thurs 27th Feb – Lecture Theatre A, Pinewood House, Education Department, Stepping Hill Hospital, 5.30-8pm

Consultation responses must be received by 6th March 2020.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the team by phone on 0161 474 2299 or email at SteppingHillCPZ@stockport.gov.uk.

Please note all consultation responses will be considered, however, individual replies to your response will not be provided.

Thank you again for your patience in this matter and taking the time to consider the Council's proposals. The Council will consider the responses to this consultation when deciding whether or not to proceed with a permit parking scheme. Either way we will continue to work with the hospital and public transport operators in seeking to improve parking in the Stepping Hill area.

Yours faithfully,



Sue Stevenson
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Stockport Council

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Please provide your details below. Note anonymous responses will not be considered, however, personal details will be kept confidential.			
Name:			
Address:			
Which of the following statements applies to you? (Please tick all which apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident – Zone 1	Visitor – Zone 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident – Zone 2	Visitor – Zone 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business – Zone 1	Business – Zone 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please specify:		

Do you agree with the scheme as proposed? (Please tick one box)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

When do you think the proposed scheme should be operational? (Please tick one box per zone)	
Zone 1 – Hospital side of the A6	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday
<input type="checkbox"/>	24 hours per day, 7 days per week
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify below)
Zone 2 – Opposite side of the A6	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday
<input type="checkbox"/>	24 hours per day, 7 days per week
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify below)

Do you agree with the proposal for the Pay & Display within Zone 1 having no maximum stay? (Please tick one box)

Yes

No – should have a maximum stay similar to Zone 2 proposals

Do you agree with the proposal for the Pay & Display within Zone 2 having a maximum stay of 4 hours? (Please tick one box)

Yes

No – 4 hours is too long

No – 4 hours is not long enough

No – should not have a maximum stay

Do you agree with the areas / streets proposed to be included? (Please tick one box for each Zone)

Zone 1 - Hospital side of the A6

Yes

No (please provide reason below)

Zone 2 - Opposite side of the A6

Yes

No (please provide reason below)

Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposals below. (Continue on a separate sheet if required)

If your raised concerns could be addressed, do you agree with the principle of introducing dual use zones for resident permit parking and Pay & Display? (Please tick one box)

Yes

No

Thank you for your patience in this matter, taking your time to consider the Council's proposals and providing your views.